

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION COST ON PACKETS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether highly inflated Maximum Retail Prices are printed on packets of packaged items in the absence of regulations for mandatory printing of production cost on packets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposal for making the printing of production cost mandatory has been finalised;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) to (e): The Department has not received any specific complaint of printing of inflated Maximum Retail Price [MRP] on packages. On the direction of the Kerala High Court, the Department constituted an 'Expert Committee' in August, 2007 to study feasibility of declaration of normative price in addition to MRP on packaged items. The report of the Expert Committee, submitted in September, 2008 is under consideration of Government.